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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3, Chapter 6, relative to lobbying.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 3, Chapter 6, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

- (a) A lobbyist or a person acting on behalf of a lobbyist may not offer, facilitate, or provide to or on behalf of an official in the legislative branch any of the following:
  - (1) Lodging;
  - (2) Transportation;
  - (3) Entertainment;
  - (4) Food, meals, beverages, money, or any other thing of value;

- (b) An official in the legislative branch may not solicit or receive from a lobbyist any of the following:
  - (1) Lodging;
  - (2) Transportation;
  - (3) Entertainment;
  - (4) Food, meals, beverages, money, or any other thing of value;
- (c) The registry of election finance may enforce this act pursuant to its power under Section 2-10-207.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-6-102(8), is amended by deleting from the first sentence the language "fifty dollars (\$50)" and by substituting instead the language "twenty-five dollars (\$25)".

Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-6-102(8), is further amended by deleting the last sentence of the subdivision in its entirety.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-6-106(b)(2), is amended by deleting from the first sentence the language "fifty dollars (\$50)" and by substituting instead the language "twenty-five dollars (\$25)".

Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-6-106(b)(2), is further amended by deleting the last sentence of the subdivision in its entirety.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 3-6-106(b), is amended by deleting subdivisions (3), (4), and (5) in their entirety.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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